सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) विभिन्न कारणों, जिनमें प्रसारण समय, तथा साधन और जन शक्ति की कमी भी शामिल है, की वजह से राष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क में उर्दू समाचार बुलेटिन प्रसारित करना संभव नहीं पाया गया है ।

Telecasting of 'Krishna' Serial

*77. DR. PATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special appeal has been made to Government for permission to telecast' 'Krishna' serial; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Letters have been received from the Members of Parliament and the public for telecast of Shri Ramanand Sagar's serial, "Krishna".

(b) No decision has been taken so far by the Government to telecast the serial in question.

*78. [Transfarred to the 4th September, 1991.]

Settlement of Bhopal Gas Victims

*79. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that welfare organisations working in Bhopal for gas victims have threatened to take stronger measures if the Central Government does not clarify its stand on the settlement of Bhopal gas victims;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the steps taken by the Union Government to redress the grievances of these gas victims are inadequate; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and what fresh measures Government propose to take to provide adequate relief to the victims of Bhopal Gas disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The settlement order dated the 14th and 15th February, 1989 of the Supreme Court directing the Union Carbide Corporation, USA and Union Carbide India Limited to pay a sum of US $ 470 million in full settlement of all the claims is the subject of several review petitions. The Government is supporting the review petitions. The matter is presently sub judice in the Supreme Court.

(b) and (c) A number of steps have been taken to assist the victims of the gas leakage:

(i) An Interim Relief of Rs. 200 per month is being given with effect from 1-4-1990 to the residents of the 36 severely affected municipal wards of Bhopal.

(ii) Government has approved an Action Plan of Rs. 163.10 crores for Rehabilitation of the Bhopal